

NEWS OF THE DAY.

"To show the very age and body of the times."

It is known to-day that the prisoners condemned to death by a military commission, and whose recent mysterious removal from Castle Pickney occasioned much speculation, were sent to the Dry Tortugas for life, by order of the President, who thus commuted their sentences.

Fifteen new cases of cholera and six deaths were reported at New York yesterday, and eighteen cases and five deaths at Brooklyn. "The colored soldiers' National League" has passed a resolution to hold a National Convention at Nashville, Tennessee, on the 1st of January.

The Secretary of State for Texas has been notified by President Johnson that the new Legislature will be permitted to assemble without hindrance.

Prof. Henry, of the Smithsonian Institution, has received a telegram from Mr. Varly, the electrician at Valencia, Ireland, announcing the perfect working of the Atlantic cable.

At a meeting in Manchester on Monday, the proposition to appoint delegates to the Philadelphia Convention was rejected.

LATER FROM EUROPE.

BY ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH CABLE

NEW YORK, August 1.—The New York Herald and Tribune have the following special despatches:

LONDON, July 30.—A great reform meeting was held to-day. Thirty thousand people were present. Resolutions were adopted declaring that they had no faith in the Government; and petitions were read which are to be presented to Parliament, demanding an inquiry into the conduct of the Chief of Police. The procession was immense, but everything passed off quietly.

Peace was considered certain at Berlin on Saturday. Count Bismarck and the King return this week. Prussia carries all her points. The Liberal support Bismarck's foreign policy.

Austria's naval victory is much overrated. The Hyde Park riots, and the movement for exclusive P-R league meetings, have put in peril the Derby Government.

The Pennsylvania State Convention of soldiers, favorable to the election of Hon. Hiester Clymer as Governor, and the Union policy of President Johnson, met yesterday. The Convention was a perfect success, being the largest representative convention ever held in the State. There were eight hundred delegates present, and several hundred not delegates, every county in the State being represented by old soldiers. The resolutions on horse President Johnson's restoration policy, and the course of Senators Buckalew and Cowan.

Judge Curtis, of Massachusetts, the leading counsel employed by Virginia to contest the claim of West Virginia to the counties of Jefferson and Berkeley, is industriously engaged in the preparation of the case. He has prepared the bill to be filed on the chancery side of the Supreme Court, before which it goes as an original case.

The Navy Department denies the whole story about the capture of a slave in Pensacola Bay, whilst carrying slaves to Cuba, by the U. S. schooner Augustine. It is another of the numerous canards afloat.

Holden, of North Carolina, "Unconditional Union man," signed the ordinance of secession passed by the Convention of that State, in 1861.

Receipts of conscience money, in small sums, continue to be acknowledged by the Treasury Department.

MARRIED.

By Rev. H. R. Smith, on Thursday evening, the 24th of July, JAMES ALBERT JOHN, of Lexington, and LUCY A. C. HAVANER, all of Loudoun county, Va.

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

Maria Howard vs. Wm. M. Gooding—In chancery.

Extra from a decree rendered in the above case, at the June term, 1866, of the Circuit Court of Fairfax county:

"The Court doth adjudge, order and decree, that one of the Commissioners of this Court do take an account of the debts, secured by the several deeds of trust, in the bill mentioned, stating their priorities, and the amounts now due on them. That he also inquire into and ascertain what other liens, by judgment or otherwise, are existing on the said tract of land, and their priorities. That he also inquire into and take an account of the present condition of the property, real and personal, conveyed by the aforesaid deeds of trust, or any of them; and that he report the result of his inquiries, and the proceeds received, and how they were applied, or how they have been disposed of and report thereof to this Court, together with any other matters he may deem pertinent, or that any party interested may require him to report."

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, FAIRFAX COURT HOUSE, July 31, 1866.

Notice is hereby given to all parties interested in the above case, that I, as Commissioner, will proceed to execute the provisions of the said decree, at my office, at Fairfax Court House, on Saturday, the 1st of September next.

M. DULANY BALL, Commissioner.

NOTICE.—All persons having claims due from or to the estate of James W. Jordan, deceased, or the late firm of James W. Jordan & Son, are required to come forward and make settlement thereof, with A. Neel, Attorney at Law, Brecksville, Prince William Co., Va., who is authorized to make settlement of the same.

JOHN R. JORDAN, Adm'r of Jas. W. Jordan, dec'd, and Surviving Partner of Jas. W. Jordan & Son.

S.—Any correspondence in reference to the above will be promptly answered by addressing JOHN R. JORDAN.

No. 3, Granby st., East Falls Avenue, Baltimore, Md.

Aug 2—4w

DR. GEORGE S. KING, formerly of Washington city, and late of the Federal army, respectfully informs the citizens of Alexandria and vicinity, that he is at 104, Duke st.

Aug 2—1m

REMOVAL. I have removed to No. 112, KING STREET, next door to the Marshall House, where I shall remain until my new store is completed, and will during the interim, conduct my entire stock of

BOOTS AND SHOES AT COST. J. ROSENTHAL, Baltimore, Md.

Aug 2—4w

1,000 BUSHELS BROWN STUFF, for sale by GEO. E. WHITE, 89 and 91, Cameron street.

Aug 2—4w

SUGARS—BROWN AND REFINED—OF various qualities, received to day, and for sale low by J. C. MILBURN, Opposite the Market.

Aug 2—4w

NO. 1 NEW SPLIT HERRING, just received and for sale by GEO. E. WHITE, 89 and 91, Cameron street.

Aug 2—4w

REFINED LARD, just received and for sale by GEO. E. WHITE, 89 and 91, Cameron street.

Aug 2—4w

175,000 NORTH CAROLINA SHINGLES, per Sch. Austria, for sale by J. C. MILBURN, 89 and 91, Cameron street.

Aug 2—4w

John Ross, the well known chief of the Cherokee nation, died in Washington yesterday.

[COMMUNICATED.]

To the editor of the Alexandria Gazette:

I enclose an extract from an article in the Baltimore Gazette, on the National Bank system, which in my opinion forcibly exposes some of the errors and evils of that system. Although a firm friend of the interests of the Southern people, with whom I sympathize most cordially in their present condition, I have always believed that their interests are inseparably connected with those of the people of the whole country, especially as regards financial matters—and the result of the present Banking and Financial policy will astonish some who disregard the South, before many years roll by.

NECKAR. "The weaker must necessarily be tributary to the stronger, and so long as the financial power is kept in New York, as it will be, so long as the National Bank system prevails, and so long as it, in fact, is the great centre of redemption, so long must the South be tributary to it. The idea that Northern National Bank currency is currency for the South is absurd, and it is folly to suppose that Northern capital, sent South in the shape of National Bank notes, is going to remain there and to supply, for any time, the wants of the locality to which it is forwarded.

The South must have its own indigenous currency, issued at home, redeemed at home, and kept at home. It cannot prosper on a currency which is snuffed up at every moment by debtors who wish to remit to Northern creditors. It must have some means of making currency moderately abundant, of reducing the rate of interest, and of giving a wholesome stimulus to enterprise. It must have its private bank system fostered and encouraged, and not warred upon. The National Banks in any shape are a curse to the South; but the tax of ten per cent. on other bank circulation is an injury. Under the present organization the National Bank system is a vampire, preying upon the financial vitality of the South, and draining from it the little life-blood that is left. No better commentary upon the system can be given than the fact, that, in many districts, cotton planters to-day, while money is plenty at the great centre, New York at 5 and 5 per cent. per annum, freely pay ten, fifteen, even twenty per cent. per month for money in small sums, to enable them to cultivate and secure their crops. There is but little currency there, and no quantity can be retained there while a system is maintained which attracts it and concentrates it at a distant point.

The fatal evil of large issues of counterfeit notes of all denominations, with which, as reported at the Treasury Department, the Southern States are now flooded, is the direct and dangerous consequence of the National Bank system, as at present organized. (Currency of some kind is indispensable for the purpose of facilitating the interchange of products, and Government detectives have actually found that Southern merchants, in their absolute need for some such representation of value, forbear to scan too closely the quality of the notes in circulation. In several instances the contents of the "fals" in large merchants were found to be at least one half counterfeit. This currency—our currency it is—is kept afloat with ease in the South, because it is not a central place of redemption. It is retained, while the notes which have a central place of redemption, naturally flow back to it.

It is a sad commentary, indeed, on the working of the banking system of the country, that no issue can be kept afloat in some of its most important districts but a counterfeit issue; and that the merchants and tradesmen of a large section are virtually obliged to submit to this as the only means of facilitating active interchange of business. Such appears to be the simple fact. The people of the South are forbidden to employ State circulation. They are denied the privilege of making an effort to establish financial independence, and they are compelled to accept the situation of commercial vassalage to the North. The National Bank system not only acts as a check and an incubus upon them, hampering and retarding them, but it has virtually forced upon them a large amount of counterfeit currency, which, though it may be of service for a time, must eventually be thrown out as valueless, and thus inflict a heavy and material loss on the very people who are least able to sustain it. The true policy of the Government should be to foster and encourage the Southern people in their efforts to re-establish themselves, and not to hamper them and impoverish them, or to permit them to become a prey to rapacious systems or sections.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, August 1.—Cotton quiet. Flour dull, and declined 104 1/2 cents; Southern drooping. Wheat dull, and declined 24 1/2 cents. Corn declining. Oats one cent lower. Beef quiet. Pork buoyant. Lard firm. Whiskey dull.

BALTIMORE, August 1.—Flour quiet; new scarce. Grain steady; receipts light. Provisions firm. Sugars inactive. Coffee tending upward. Whiskey very dull; Western, \$2 25 a 26.

TEMPERANCE, FORTITUDE, JUSTICE.

HOP FOR CARLIN'S SPRINGS!

THE FIRST GRAND EXCURSION OF THE VIRGINIA RAILROAD, TO THE HOT SPRINGS OF CARLIN'S, WILL BE GIVEN AT THE ABOVE BEAUTIFUL RESORT, AUGUST 18th, 1866.

The committee of arrangements pledge themselves that every effort shall be exerted to make this one of the best excursions of the season.

A fine picnic has been erected at the Springs. An excellent Band of Music has been engaged for the occasion. No improper persons allowed on the train or grounds. Trains leave the Loudoun & Hampshire Depot at 7 a. m., and return at 8 and 7 p. m.

Tickets for Gentlemen and Lady \$1.00; "Ladies" 50 cts.; Children and Servants 25 cts. each.

Floor Managers, (Red and Blue Rosette,)—J. S. Simmonds, John Cooper.

Committee of Arrangements:—E. Lyles, J. S. Simmonds, W. Jefferson, C. Wade, L. D. Harrison, J. Wentzell.

Committee of Order:—G. Lyles, Wm. Humphries, W. Helmuth, J. Bladen, L. D. Lyles, C. Bladen, J. J. Jett, J. Sherwood, J. Parsons, P. Patton, J. W. Nalls, F. Church, J. Struder, L. Owens.

On part of Eagle Tent of Washington City—J. D. McCatherine, Dr. McKim, J. T. Lighter, Excelsior Tent, Washington—J. B. Wheeler, W. G. Vernon, C. W. Mitchell.

Aug 1—1d

83 ARNOLD & FIELD, 83

MERCHANT TAILORS. Have removed from No. 69 to No. 83, King street, and resumed their old business, where they would be pleased to receive a call from their friends, or any one in want of a suit of good clothes. We have on hand and are receiving a good line of

CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, VESTINGS, LINENS, &c., which we will make to order, very low, for the next two months, especially in our

GEN'S FURNISHING DEPARTMENT, where you will always find the latest styles. We will furnish

WHITE SHIRTS, as cheap as they can be had at retail, Philadelphia. We are fitted to fit and wear well. Call and see us, at No. 83, King st., 3 doors west of Royal.

Aug 1—1d

DUCHES FLY PAPER, a safe, certain and speedy destroyer of house flies, for sale wholesale and retail by HENRY COOK, 39 and 221 King street.

Aug 1—1d

175,000 NORTH CAROLINA SHINGLES, per Sch. Austria, for sale by J. C. MILBURN, 89 and 91, Cameron street.

Aug 1—1d

DRUGS, CHEMICALS, &c.

E. S. LEADBEATER & CO., DRUGGISTS.

(Stabler's old stand—Established 1792)

NO. 7, SOUTH FAIRFAX ST.

Have just made additions to their large stock

of Drugs, Paints, Oils, &c., and can offer inducements to cash customers; they name in part

Drugs & Chemicals. | Proprietary Medicines.

Smyrna Opium, Bitter Wine of Iron, Quinine, Schenck's Medicines, Calomel, Jay's, Stonebraker's, " Rochelle Salts, Chloride Lime, Cannon's, Pyrophosphate Iron, Clove Annodine, Lac Sulphur, Hall's Hair Renewer, Sulphuret of Potash, Chickahominy Bitter, Propylamine, Shallenberger's Pills, Strychnine, Wood's Hair Restorer, Sulphate Morphia, Zollikofer's Cordial, Citrate Iron, Davis's Pain Killer, Carb Ammonia, Gun Camphor, Russia Salve, Podophyllin, Winslow's Sooth. Syrup,

Paints and Oils. | Soaps, Perfumery, &c. Lewis's Leads, Low's Brown Wind. Soap, Linseed Oil, Baled, Glenn's, Spirit Turpentine, " Yankee Shaving " Copal, " Turtle Oil, Japan Varnish, " Honey, Copal, " Lubin's Extracts, " Asphalturn " Teeth Brushes, Benzine, " Combs, Kerosene Oil, Hair Brushes, Neatsfoot, " Shaving, Russia Soap, Ivory Black, " Vinaigre de Rouge, Japan Tin, " Also, Tapioca, Pearl Barley, Cox's Giltine, Olive Oil, Mustard, Spices, Flavoring Extracts, Silver Soap, Soap Bark, Tripoli, Saratoga Water, Spatulas.

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GROCERIES & PROVISIONS.

GEORGE E. WHITE, Liberty Hall, 89 and 91, Cameron street, Invites attention to his very extensive and choice stock of

GROCERIES embracing Teas, Coffees, Sugars, Spices, Hams, Bacon, Flour, Candles, Soap, Molasses, Butter, Cheese, Canned Meats and Fruits, Jellies, Farina, Corn Starch, and a great variety of articles, usually found in a grocery store.

CONCENTRATED FERTILIZER. SWAN ISLAND GUANO. HAY, GRAIN AND FEED always on hand. He also asks attention to his unusually large and fine stock of

LIQUORS of every description, consisting of Whiskies high and low grades, Brandy, Gin, California Wines, Champagne, Port, Sherry, and other Wines, Jamaica Spirits, Santa Cruz Rum, Cordials, Ale from the Washington Brewery, in barrels and half barrels, &c. Also, CIGARS and TOBACCO, in great variety. Goods delivered to all parts of the city free of charge. oc 16-1f

J. T. SHERWOOD'S FAMILY GROCERY AND PROVISION STORE, Corner of Queen and St. Asaph streets, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Constantly on hand BACON, HAMS, SHOULDERS and SIDES, and FLOUR by the pound, sack or barrel.

Fine POTOMAC HERRINGS, SMOKED or UNSMOKED. je 15-1f

J. F. LARKIN HAS REMOVED HIS GROCERY AND LIQUOR STORE, FROM NO. 14, PITT STREET, TO NO. 13, NORTH FAIRFAX STREET, (Mansion House Building.)

Has just received a large supply of excellent SHOULDERS and SIDES BACON, also, HAMS, and Dried Beef, a lot of good Flour, Superior Old Whiskies, Baker's Whiskey included, all of which he will sell below the market price; also the best of Teas, Java Coffee, &c. my 8-1f

GREGORY & PAUL, WHOLESALE DEALERS IN Groceries, Flour and Bacon, Nos. 27 and 29, KING STREET, ap 14-1f ALEXANDRIA, VA.

J. CLINTON MILBURN, FAMILY GROCER, AND DEALER IN FINE TEAS, FLOUR, FEED, &c., Corner Cameron and Royal Streets, (Opposite the Market,) ALEXANDRIA, VA. ap 26-1f

DAVY & HARMON, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL Grocers, Feed and Flour Merchants, Corner of Prince and Royal Streets, ALEXANDRIA, VA. jan 19-1f

THE SUBSCRIBERS RESPECTFULLY inform their friends, and the public generally, that they have taken the store, at the corner of Prince and Pitt streets, lately occupied by J. T. Janney; where they have on hand, and will continue to keep, a well selected stock of GROCERIES, of the best quality, for family use.

HARRIE HOUGH, my 31-1f E. LAWRENCE TOLSON, No. 26, North Royal street, Has constantly on hand a full supply, and is constantly receiving fresh invoices of GROCERIES, WINES, LIQUORS, and all other articles generally found in a first class GROCERY and LIQUOR STORE, and will sell as low as they can be bought in this market. sep 12-1f

PURE FLAVORING EXTRACTS.—Vanilla, Lemon, Pine Apple, and Bitter Almond, for Ice Cream, Jellies, Blanc Mang, Custard, &c., &c., just received and for sale by HOUGH & TOLSON, je 18-1f Corner of Prince and Pitt sts.

SUGAR—A consignment of CHESAPEAKE CO'S. "B" SUGAR, just received and for sale by je 27-1f HOOE & WEDDERBURN.

INSURANCE.

G. I. THOMAS, INSURANCE AGENCY, NO. 73, PRINCE STREET, (OPPOSITE THE GAZETTE OFFICE,) ALEXANDRIA, VA.

FIRE, LIFE, AND MARINE INSURANCE. AGENT FOR THE FOLLOWING RELIABLE COMPANIES:

Maryland Fire Ins. Co. of Baltimore, Capital \$500,000 Merchants' & Mechanics' Fire Insurance Co. of Baltimore, Capital \$300,000 Home Insurance Co. of New Haven, Cash Capital \$1,000,000 International Ins. Co. of New York, Cash Assets \$1,348,515 Security Insurance Co. of New York, Cash Assets \$1,555,000

The above FIRST-CLASS COMPANIES, having complied with the law passed by the last Legislature, requiring a deposit of \$50,000 from each, in bond of the State, the undersigned is now prepared to issue policies in all, or either of them on all descriptions of property, in the city or country, against loss or damage by fire, and on inland, coastwise and sea risks, on terms adapted to the hazard, and consistent with sound and reliable underwriting. All losses promptly adjusted and paid at this office.

MUTUAL Life Insurance Co. of New York, Cash Assets Feb. 1, '66 \$15,000,000 Annual Income in Cash 3,500,000

The dividends of this company are larger in amount, for premiums paid, than in any Company in the world. All the profits arising from this immense fund, are ANNUALLY DIVIDED amongst the assured. Applications received at my office, No. 73, Prince st. G. I. THOMAS, Agent. Dr. CHARLES W. CHANCELLOR, je 8-1f Medical Examiner.

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WASHINGTON FIRE INSURANCE CO. of Baltimore, Capital \$500,000 Thos. Y. Canby, F. J. McGinnis, President, Secretary.

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SAMUEL H. JANNEY, at Janney & Co.'s Drug store, No. 145, King st. above St. Asaph. jan 18-100-1f

ROBERT JAMIESON, GEO. W. JAMIESON, JAMIESON & BRO. FIRE, LIFE AND MARINE INSURANCE. Office No. 97, King street. ALEXANDRIA, VA.

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THE FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF ALEXANDRIA [CHARTERED IN 1814] Continues to insure against loss or damage by fire. The company which has had the confidence of the community for more than half a century, again solicits the patronage of the public. Risks will be taken at the established rates, and losses promptly paid. Office hours—9 a. m. to 3 p. m. C. W. WATLES, Secretary.

A. P. Gover, Pres. C. W. Watles, Wm. Gregory, Benjamin Barton, J. H. Brent, aug 10-1y

WESTWOOD ASHBY has been appointed Local Agent for the FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of Alexandria, to solicit and receive applications for insurance. He may be found at the store of E. J. Miller, No. 65, King st., Alexandria. my 25-1f

DAVIS & MILLER'S FLAVORING EXTRACTS, for sale by J. C. MILBURN, Opposite the Market. je 30-1f

ALEGREASE.—Superior Antifriction Axle Grease, received and for sale by H. COOK, je 26-1f 39 and 224, King street.

BACON! BACON!—5 tierces George & Jenkin's Hams, from 8 to 13 lbs.; 2 tierces Sugar Cured Breasts, Shoulders and Sides—for sale by [my 15-1f] P. G. SWAINE,

POTATOES.—To arrive a superior cargo of Maine Potatoes, for sale by M. ELDRIDGE & CO. mh 10-1f

FLOUR—25 bbls. Welch's Extra Flour, (Georgetown inspection) for sale by je 22-1f C. C. MILBURN, Opposite the Market.

PINE APPLE CHEESE—Just received and for sale by G. E. WHITE, je 23-4w 89 and 91, Cameron street.

MARKET BASKETS—various patterns and sizes, just received and for sale by GEO. E. WHITE, je 24-1f 89 and 91, Cameron street.

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We have on hand and to arrive, for sale, the following Fertilizers:

No. 1. Peruvian Guano, Fowle & Co's Celebrated Soluble Phosphated Peruvian Guano.

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Compound Phosphates and Alkalies.

Ammoniated Phosphate with Alkali, and Plaster and Potash intimately combined—which stand high as a Top Dressing for

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